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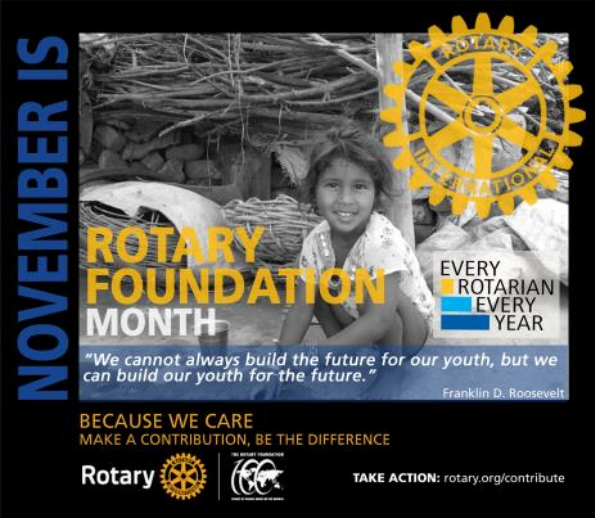
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A Foundation to build upon



The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most effective and well-managed charitable organizations in the world, with 15 consecutive four-star ratings from Charity Navigator and an A-plus rating from CharityWatch.

We know that the Foundation is helping Rotarians do good in the world, but it can be difficult to convey the full scope of its work. So we've put together some figures from the past five years to tell the story of the

generosity of Rotarians and the good work that the Foundation supports.

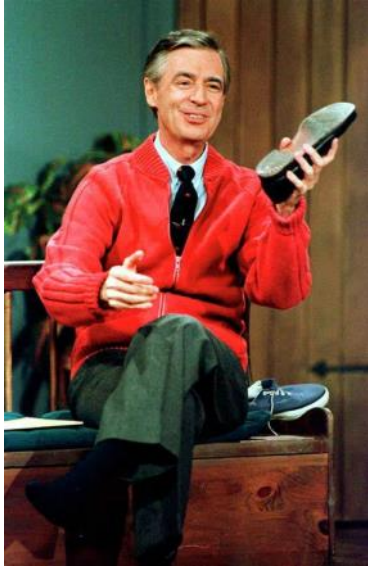
November is Rotary Foundation Month; to make a contribution, go to rotary.org/donate.

Five years of global grants by area of focus



Protecting the environment being a new Area of Focus, there is not yet five years of data.

The annual District 7610 recognitions and awards luncheon, November 4, 2023



When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

Fred Rogers

On Saturday afternoon we were lucky enough to be in a room FULL of helpers. Members from every corner of our district gathered to celebrate all the good that clubs and individuals were able to do in our local and global community, by harnessing the power of giving through The Rotary Foundation, during the 2022-23 Rotary year.

What makes someone want to become a helper? What makes someone stand up and choose to be of service? Compassion, empathy, personal values, sense of duty, and positive role models top the list, but I believe it's a desire to make a positive impact on others and society that could be the answer for both.

It was beautiful to hear the stories that came from those helpers in the room on Saturday, to be inspired by their heart and their dedication to the causes they love, and to share their gratitude for the force multiplier that is Rotary. I was honored to witness the recognition of so many wonderful folks in our district family.

I know Mr. Rogers would have been clapping right alongside us, delighted to point out the helpers we have in our midst during these challenging times, giving us the ability to create hope in the world.

Service Above Self,
DG Rene' Laws

Check out the photos by Dave Borowski. Click on the link

<https://rotarydistrict7610.smugmug.com/2023-District-Foundation-Awards-and-Recognition-Luncheon/>



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SAVE CONTACT

An afternoon of delights: District 7610 celebrates club & member accomplishments for The Rotary Foundation



DRFC Pat Borowski

As the song goes, *the afternoon delights* we experienced during our luncheon was celebrating the RY 2022/2023 results of our club and members donation efforts for The Rotary Foundation!

Of the 539 Rotary districts worldwide, our D 7610 ranked 30th in giving over \$200 per capita (\$269.22) and 50th in total contributions. Our official final total for RY 2022-2023 was \$926,698.

Special Rotarian Meritorious Foundation Service Awards were made to:

- Jill Lehman of the (RC of Gainesville-Haymarket) for her work in support of the District Strategic Water Alliance.
- PDG Chuck Davidson (RC of Springfield) and PDG Sandy Duckworth (RC of Stafford) for their body of service, support and success for our district in numerous areas of our TRF efforts.
- Michelle (Meesh) Peters, (RC of Baileys' Crossroads) was named Rotary District 7610 Humanitarian of the Year for her body of service through the Michelo project.

PDG Sandy Duckworth awarded the four top clubs with the largest number of PolioPlus Society members. They were the Rotary Clubs of: Stafford with 21, Tappahannock with 11, and Alexandria, and e-Club of Global Peacebuilders each having 8.

Recognitions for Rotarians in service to the District Foundation:

- Chair-Emeritus of Global Scholar Grants – Ted Hussar (RC of Annandale)
- Vice Chair of Global Scholar Grants – PJ Maddox (RC of Dunn Loring-Merrifield)
- District Annual Fund Chair Peter Anderson (RC of Crystal City-Pentagon)
- Top AG & AFA Team AG Paula Kelley (RC of Fairfax) and AFA Polly Rosenstein (RC of Bailey Crossroads)
- Club Rotary Foundation Chairs: Archie Garner (RC of Crystal City Pentagon), Henry Moncure (RC of Gloucester), Tony Fulkerson (RC of Herndon-Reston), Ed Pratt (RC of Manassas), Kate Schwadron (eClub of Global Peacebuilders), Victor Burrell (RC of Tappahannock), and Frank Ramey (RC of Warrenton).

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District 7610 recognitions and awards continued

Club recognitions were awarded for:

1. 100% Foundation Giving: club achieved an average of \$100 in per capita giving and 100% participation, with every dues paying member contributing at least \$25 to any or all of the following during the Rotary Year: annual fund, PolioPlus fund, approved Global Grants, or Endowment Fund.
2. Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY): club achieved a minimum Annual Fund contribution of \$100 per capita with every dues paying member contributing \$25 or more to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year
3. End Polio Now: club contributed \$1500 or more to Rotary's Challenge to End Polio Now.

Congratulations to the following clubs for their achievements:

- BAILEY'S CROSSROADS- End Polio Now recognition
- CHARLOTTESVILLE - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY, End Polio Now recognition
- CRYSTAL CITY-PENTAGON – End Polio Now recognition
- DULLES INTERNATIONAL - End Polio Now recognition
- FAIRFAX - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY, End Polio Now recognition
- FREDERICKSBURG- 100% Foundation Giving, EREY, End Polio Now recognition
- GAINESVILLE-HAYMARKET - End Polio Now recognition
- GREAT FALLS - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY, End Polio recognition
- HERNDON-RESTON - End Polio Now recognition
- LEESBURG - End Polio Now recognition
- LEESBURG-DAYBREAK - End Polio Now recognition
- LOUISA COUNTY- 100% Foundation Giving, EREY, recognition
- MANASSAS - End Polio Now
- MANASSAS-BULLRUN - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY
- MATHEWS - End Polio Now recognition
- McLEAN - End Polio Now recognition
- MIDDLESEX COUNTY - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY
- ORANGE - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY
- PURCELLVILLE - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY
- RAPPAHANNOCK-FREDERICKSBURG - End Polio Now recognition
- ROTARY eCLUB OF GLOBAL PEACEBUILERS - 100% Foundation Giving, End Polio Now recognition
- SPRINGFIELD - End Polio Now recognition
- STAFFORD - End Polio Now recognition
- TAPPAHANNOCK - 100% Foundation Giving, EREY
- VIENNA - End Polio Now recognition
- WEST SPRINGFIELD - End Polio Now recognition



Susan and Ted Hussar presented Legacy Society recognition at the district awards luncheon

District 7610 had the pleasure of presenting Legacy Society recognition to Susan and Ted Hussar during the recent District 7610 Rotary Foundation celebration.

Recognizing the compassion of Rotary's most generous donors, The Rotary Foundation's Board of Trustees formalized the Legacy Society in July 2019, as a meaningful way to recognize individuals and couples who have made commitments for a future gift of \$1 million or more to The Rotary Foundation Endowment. Gifts to Rotary's Endowment perpetually support the valuable, sustainable, and much-needed Rotarian activities doing good in the world.



Susan and Ted Hussar's Legacy Society gift will influence countless lives in the future. They are passionate donors when it comes to education, hosting numerous students in their home through the years, staying connected, traveling to see their "kids," meeting new spouses and then their children. District Rotarians have had the pleasure to serve with Ted on the District Scholarship committee through the years.

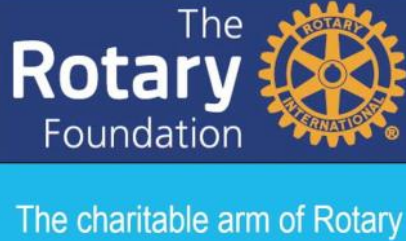
The Susan and Ted Hussar Global Grant Scholarship for D7610 will provide future funding for at least one graduate scholarship each year with the potential to fund multiple students each year. Imagine a student's amazement when they will be able to achieve their career goals thanks to Susan and Ted's foresight to establish a fund now.

In addition, Susan and Ted's gift will also provide D7610 with Endowment Fund SHARE earnings each year, increasing the ability of future Rotarians to make an even bigger impact. Just picture all the district and global grants their gift will fund each year, forever. Lastly, their gift will also fund global grant projects ensuring a better environment for generations to come.

Thank you, Susan, and Ted, for your transformational gift!



Major Donors recognized at the annual TRF recognitions and awards banquet



Suzanne McDougall, Major Donors chair

On November 4, a bright Saturday afternoon, an enthusiastic group of Rotarians met for lunch and fellowship to honor fellow members who have contributed so much time and treasure to support the good works of The Rotary Foundation in District 7610 and around the world. The period covered by this celebration was RY 2022-23, PDG Sheila Brennan’s administration.

This column is devoted to news about those who have achieved Major Donor status. Therefore, it is my pleasure to recognize the 23 Rotarians and spouses who joined the ranks of Level one, two, or three donors. Of this group, there were four couples in attendance who attained Major Donor levels 1 or increased their Major Donor level. They are pictured below,

During the presentation, DRFC Pat Borowski also recognized David “Kaz” and Shannon Kasmierski as the newest to join the ranks of Major Donors. They will be counted in the rolls for RY 2023-24.

While the Annual Foundation Banquet is designed to acknowledge the contributions of Rotarians during the previous year, it is the aim of the Giving team to honor Major Donors, Bequest Society members and Benefactors throughout the year. We host thank you gatherings, in person and via Zoom to say thank you and to update you on where and how your money is being used. When an event is held in your area, you will receive an invitation. Do attend, if at all possible, because these events are designed to both honor you for your contributions and to inform you about current activities.



Major Donor Level 1
DG Renee & Bill Laws



Major Donor Level 1
Kaz & Shannon Kasmierski



Major Donor Level 3
Ralph & Laurie Menzel and PDG Juanita & Bill Cawley

Friendly Competitions Help Raise Funds for OUR TRF



We all realize The Rotary Foundation and the serious work we do with its funding is not trivial. TRF is not a competitive sport. But it can be a bit of fun while motivating and inspiring our members to push their giving a bit by interjecting a friendly competition into the giving process.

That was always the purpose behind the Paul Harris Cup and the Ylonen Trophy. In case you are not familiar with them an explanation is in order.

The **Paul Harris Cup** is a traveling award between Rotary districts 7600 and 7610 to be presented annually in recognition of the district with the higher per capita giving. The sole purpose of the cup competition is to encourage additional giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund which in turn provides Rotary clubs in both districts with more resources to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. Since the inception of the award

in 2010-11, District 7610 has retained the cup. This past Rotary year District 7600 has won the cup with per capita giving of \$284.97 beating our district \$269.22 per capita giving.

You can monitor your own club per capita giving by reading over the District 7610 Foundation Giving Report found at the end of this newsletter (the middle column lists each club per capita giving).

The **Ylonen Trophy** is named after the late District Governor Charles S. “Chuck” Ylonen. This trophy is presented to the club with the highest last 3-year average per capita giving by its members to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation.

For RY 2022-2023, the recipient of the Ylonen Cup was the Rotary Club of Manassas (3 year avg = \$1,737.85)

1st Runner-up was the e-Club of Global Peacebuilders (3 year avg = \$973.73)

2nd runner-up was the Rotary Club of Crystal City-Pentagon (3 year. avg = \$947.94)

For the first time since the friendly competition has been held, District 7600 was declared the winner of the Paul Harris Cup at the district recognitions and awards luncheon.

Congratulations to District 7600 for a job well done!



Hunger walk draws attention to climate change, food insecurity

By Pragma Karki and Prince Shah, Rotaract Club of Kathmandu, Nepal



Early on a Saturday morning, as the sun cast a warm glow over the gathering crowd, we marveled at the diversity of those assembled for the first event of our FutureFeed campaign. The event was an awareness walkathon organized to advocate for climate justice and food security in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund of Nepal and Save the Children Nepal. We wanted to host a fun event that would both convey the urgency of climate change and food insecurity and engage a wide audience.

When many people think about climate change, they often think only of temperature shifts, overlooking other impacts such as rising food insecurity. Climate change disrupts agricultural patterns, leading to crop failures and food shortages.

That exacerbates poverty and inequality and leaves vulnerable communities even more defenseless against hunger.

Food insecurity is not just about lack of food, but also about not getting the necessary calories. In urban areas, due to disrupted agricultural patterns, people rely heavily on junk food and contaminated produce containing pesticides and insecticides, failing to meet their calorie needs. In major cities of Nepal, families – particularly those with children in their developmental stages – often avoid market-available produce due to fear of toxins.

Recognizing these issues, we organized an engaging and interactive walk to educate the community and urge action. The rhythmic beating of traditional musical instruments echoed in the air, harmonizing with loud slogans chanted by the walkers. People carried artistic banners demanding climate justice and food security. The slogans were soon echoed by passerby, creating a powerful chorus.

A total of 510 people from diverse backgrounds – young and old, celebrities, ordinary citizens, and individuals of various ethnicities – came together for our Hunger Walk. Watching the event unfold, we were deeply moved by the genuine empathy and unity displayed by the participants. It wasn't just a walk; it was a collective journey towards a brighter, more sustainable future.

What struck me most was how the event bridged the gap between celebrities, environmental activists, the National Human Rights Commission Team, Rotarians, influencers, representatives from international organizations like WWF Nepal and Save the Children Nepal, and members of the Wheelchair National Cricket Team. Everyone walked side by side, sharing stories and experiences. The inclusivity and diversity of our walk didn't just make for a successful event, it ignited a movement.

Change begins with a single step, but it gains momentum when those steps are taken in unison. The Hunger Walk was more than just a walk; it was a leap towards a future where the effects of climate change are minimized, no one goes to bed hungry or relies on tainted food, and every individual – regardless of background – contributes to creating a more sustainable society.

The walk was just the beginning of our FutureFeed campaign, a dedicated effort to advocate for climate justice and food security. We will continue our journey toward a more sustainable and equitable future!

The Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston celebrates The Rotary Foundation Month

By Jane Nash

The Rotary Foundation took center stage as TRF chair Robert Hartsoe and International chair Jim Vollmer delivered a passionate presentation on its significance.



The Rotary Club of Herndon-Reston has a proud history of active involvement in the Foundation's global and district grants, championing and participating in pivotal initiatives including the Strategic Water Alliance (SWA), early childhood education and literacy programs in South Africa, a Walk to End Polio, and local programs mentoring young girls with "She Believes in Me". Their impactful contributions have included aiding in the reconstruction of hurricane-ravaged schools in Haiti and supporting a variety of international projects. These included 90 homes obtaining pour flush toilets with septic fields and water faucets to serve a local community in South Africa in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Arcadia. As November dawns, it's a timely reminder that this month is dedicated to celebrating the vital work and impact of The Rotary Foundation, which plays a significant and pivotal role in shaping a better world for all.



The Rotary Foundation Your Legacy, Rotary's Promise What Will Your Legacy Be?

PDG Sandy Duckworth, Endowment Chair



Have you thought about what your Rotary legacy will be? The Endowment Fund builds long-term stability for the future of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International by providing an extra stream of income to meet an increasing demand for the Foundation's educational, humanitarian, and cultural programs. We invite you to invest in tomorrow by joining Rotarians around the world, and throughout District 7610 in their efforts to improve and enrich lives of people here at home and around the world.

The Rotary Foundation recognizes those couples or individuals who have made commitments in their estate plans totaling \$10,000 or more, as a Bequest Society Member. Donors may elect to receive an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Diamond Circle pin commemorating the commitment.

Naming opportunities are available if you make a gift or commitment of \$25,000 or more. Your fund will bear your name or that of a loved one and will carry on your Rotary legacy. Annual financial updates available to your district will let Rotarians of the future know that your generosity supports their projects. Another example, a gift of \$25,000 to Rotary's Endowment can generate \$1,000 for SHARE annually into the next century and beyond.



Reminder: Rotary's tomorrow depends on what we do today. The principal of a gift to the Endowment Fund is never spent, so a portion of the earnings will always be available for Foundation programs. We invite you to join those who have already committed to improve and enrich the lives of people around the world through a gift to the Endowment Fund.

Questions? Feel free to contact either Sandy or Laurie

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[Visit The Rotary Foundation Planned Giving Website](#)

The Polio Corner

By PDG Chuck Davidson



This month, we'll address some of the most frequently asked questions our readers have. Some may appear obvious, but the fact that they're still being asked means they need to be addressed.

FAQ #1—Did Rotary make its goal of receiving \$50 Million in donations to the PolioPlus Fund this past Rotary year? Answer: Yes. None of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation 2-for-1 \$100 Million match money was “left unused on the table”. It was all provided to TRF by the Gates Foundation, and the entire \$150 Million was granted by Rotary to WHO and UNICEF for the fight against polio. Thank you!

FAQ #2—What’s the main problem in reducing the last few wild polio cases that we’re seeing in Afghanistan and Pakistan? Answer: Lack of access to vaccinate children. This is caused by severe floods and earthquakes, lethal danger to polio workers, crude but successful disinformation campaigns, and village boycotts to redress unrelated grievances. If workers can’t get to the children, they can’t vaccinate them. The chart below shows this number to be much smaller than three years ago, plus the cases are in relatively few areas.

FAQ #3—So what’s the main problem in reducing the number of vaccine-derived polio cases, most of which are occurring in African countries? Answer: Insufficient quantities of the new oral polio vaccine. This new vaccine significantly lessens the chances of the included weakened live polio virus mutating to a virulent virus after passing through the digestive systems of a number of children. Access to vaccinate is good in most African countries, but with only one major industrial source of the new mutation-resistant oral vaccine, supplies are not yet robust enough. Still, the chart below shows this number to be decreasing.

FAQ #4—After 35 years of exhausting effort and only a few wild polio cases remaining, why don’t we just stop and declare “victory” now? Answer: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative estimates that if we simply stop all polio eradication efforts today, in 10 years, we will be seeing 200,000 wild polio cases every year. Yes, this is “only an estimate”, but it’s a science-based estimate by health authorities in the know. Stopping now is not a viable course of action.

FAQ #5—When we do finally stop transmission of the wild polio virus, won’t we still see vaccine-derived polio cases if we continue to vaccinate? Answer: Eventually no, because countries will wean themselves off of using oral polio vaccines that present a mutation risk. The United States and most developed countries did that in the years 1998-2000, since then using only the injectable dead polio vaccine.

Calendar Year	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD*
Wild Polio Cases	140	6	30	10
Vaccine Derived	1,117	701	874	342

*As of November 1, 2023 (WP: 6–Afghanistan; 4–Pakistan)

The Rotary Foundation Month



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Thank you to all those who attended the Foundation Banquet and Awards on November 4th. It was heartwarming to celebrate the good we have done in the world. To that end, for this month, I am challenging each club to set their goals for annual giving, if you have not, and to bring the charge of Every Rotarian Every Year and Sustaining Members to your club.

Below is a chart indicating where we are as a District:

	Number of Members	Annual Fund				Non-Giving Clubs	
		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Per Capita		
2023-24	1,874	\$295,150	64.2%	\$92,294	\$49.25	31.3%	7
2022-23	1,864	\$346,925	92.3%	\$501,728	\$269.17	144.6%	0
2021-22	1,994	\$318,700	57.4%	\$972,114	\$487.52	305.0%	0
2020-21	2,057	\$420,170	78.2%	\$556,334	\$270.46	132.4%	1
2019-20	2,116	\$434,248	88.9%	\$525,748	\$248.46	121.1%	0

If each member of the club reaches Every Rotarian Every Year, you will set the precedence of giving and then can work with individual donors to maximize their contributions. PDG Sandy Duckworth provided the following from a presentation given in 2017 to help guide the Foundation Chair with giving conversations. Chairs should create one report per member or couple.

- Personalized “on target” flyers, accompanied by pre-populated donor forms
- Focus reports on:
 - Where are we now vs. goal (or, if more, last year)?
 - What is needed to achieve goal?
 - What is our “challenge goal” if the first goal is already well within reach?
 - Number of EREYs to reach 100%
 - Number of Sustaining Members to reach 100%
 - Number of PHF needed to reach 100%
 - Per capita giving amount
 - Recognition/thanks, if applicable, of what that donor gave to help the club already that year

Reminder for Club Goal Setting: Start with your total number of members and then complete the chart below – Be sure to count each member only one time:

Giving Level	Current		Average		Total
	Donors	Planned	Total	Contribution	
Paul Harris Society (1000)					
Sustaining Member (100)					
Every Rotarian Every Year (25-100)					
Other Contributions					
Total Goal					

If you need assistance with entering goals, please let me know by emailing me at cmaea2000@gmail.com or by calling at 540-623-3668. For those clubs who have not entered their goals into Rotary Club Central, an email with instructions and an offer to assist will be coming this month. Together we can end Rotary Foundation month with 100% goal entry.

Editor's Note: The following President's Message is reprinted from the November, 2023 issue of The Rotary magazine.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The road to peace

This month, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region.

In November, Rotary and District 2420 are hosting a signing ceremony for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul.

The ceremony is the first in a series of events recognizing the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped *Create Hope in the World* and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndizi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about

Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon. Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.

R. GORDON R. MCINALLY
President, Rotary International

WAGE PEACE

As Rotarians, Peace is in our DNA

As People of Action, Peacebuilding is our Mission



Contact Bill Cawley
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 Peacebuilder chair for all the
 information you need to get
 started.

All documentation must be submitted by
 June 1, 2024

Are you ready to become a Peacebuilder Club?

Here's WHY you should:

- **IMPLEMENT** Rotary's Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Area of Focus more powerfully in your club.
- **ADDRESS** the growing problem and danger of polarization and divisiveness that fractionalizes and stagnates societies, disrupts peaceful relations, and increases the potential for violence.
- **BUILD** stronger, more harmonious communities and a more peaceful world.
- **MAXIMIZE** the peacebuilding impact of every Rotary project in all seven Areas of Focus.
- **LEARN** and become proficient in advocating for sustainable societal peace through Positive Peace, the goal of Peacebuilding.

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Calendar for District 7610 RY 2023-2024



November	28	Giving Tuesday—End of End Polio Now Challenge	
January	31	Mandatory Grant program	} Zoom
February	1	Mandatory Grant program	
February	2	Mandatory Grant program	
February	5	District Grant Mid-Term Report due to District	
February	8	ABCs of Global Grants (Zoom)	
February	24	District Peacebuilding Conference	
April	6	Duke-UNC Annual Peacebuilding Conference, Chapel Hill, NC	
May	2	District Foundation Day—Club Planning	
June	1	2024/25 District Grant Submission Final Deadline	
June	1	Peacebuilder Club Application due to District	

WHAT IS THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

The PHS is made up of dedicated supporters who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Rotary Foundation grant.

DOING GOOD—MADE EASY

Rotary Direct is an easy way to give throughout the year. Visit www.rotary.org/give or select the recurring giving option on the form below,



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12 gifts Each year	4 gifts Each year	1 gift Each year

Paul Harris Society gifts have helped to provide

- ⇒ ⇒ Vocational training for teachers establishing a childhood educational center in South Africa
- ⇒ ⇒ Water filters, toilets, and hygiene training to prevent fluorosis, diarrhea, and other diseases in India
- ⇒ ⇒ A scholarship for a medical professional in Italy to research treatments that minimize mortality rates among premature babies
- ⇒ ⇒ Peace-building seminars for 200 teachers and 1,300 students in Uganda
- ⇒ ⇒ Treated mosquito nets and medical services that prevent malaria in Mali

Projects like these rely on ongoing gifts from compassionate donors like you. Thank you for your continued support of Rotary.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY TODAY!

Please e-mail a copy of this completed form to PHS Chair, Ronnie Chantker rmccpa97@aol.com



Yes! I would like to become a member of the Paul Harris Society. As a member, I intend to contribute US\$1,000 or more each year that I am financially able.

Name _____

If you are a Rotarian:

Rotary Membership ID _____

Rotary Club of _____

Club Number _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Postal Code _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- U.S. check, payable to "The Rotary Foundation," enclosed.
- Canadian cheque, payable to "The Rotary Foundation (Canada)," enclosed.
- Please contact me about creating a legacy with Rotary.
- I wish to contribute today. I will make my contribution at a later date.

Note: The Paul Harris Society recognizes those who annually contribute US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Rotary Foundation grant.

Gift designation (choose one)

Annual Fund PolioPlus Fund Other: _____

Gift amount (USD)

\$85 \$250 \$1,000 Other: \$ _____

Make this a recurring contribution with Rotary Direct:

Monthly Quarterly Annually _____ (Please specify month)

Card Number _____

Expiration Date CVN

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Signature _____

Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law.

Please send your contribution to the U.S. or Canada:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Drive
Chicago, IL 60693 USA

The Rotary Foundation (Canada)
c/o 911600
PO Box 4090 STN A
Toronto, ON M5W 0E9 Canada

Contributions may also be made at www.rotary.org/give or by calling 1-866-976-8279.

Your PolioPlus Dollars Fund a Complete Eradication Program

PDG Sandy Duckworth, PolioPlus Society Chair

A special “Shout Out” and “Thank You” to our 112 PolioPlus Society members
Whose polio pledges matched by the Gates Foundation of \$2 to \$1 = \$54,000.00

But, did you ever wonder what our donations to PolioPlus actually buy – in addition to the vaccine itself, of course? Here’s what:

- Technical assistance, including salaries for technical advisors.
- Operational support to ensure that the vaccine reaches all the children, including stipends for millions of volunteers who administer and perform house-to-house follow-up visits.
- Surveillance for disease detection, including the polio laboratory network.
- Social mobilization to raise awareness of the vaccination campaigns and the benefits of immunization.
- Research into new products and approaches to facilitate eradication.
- Transition planning to ensure the orderly transition of the polio immunization activities to routine immunization following the eradication of polio.



And there is more:

- Children are also vaccinated against other communicable diseases such as measles, the treatment of parasitic infections, and the provision of bed nets to protect against malarial mosquitoes.
- Rotary has also partnered with healthcare companies to provide “Wellness Camps,” where large numbers of physicians provide free consultation and education to patients with other health issues.
- Rotary helps bridge cultures by working with others to engage community and religious leaders that help health professionals do their work.
- Rotarians, in areas affected by war, have managed to secure a ceasefire agreement between government and the rebels and could then reach approximately 95% of the children with vaccinations. This is known as “days of tranquility.”
- Because of its nongovernmental status, Rotary has played a key role in cross-border immunization efforts delivering the vaccine across international borders and in remote regions.



If you are interested in becoming a member of the District 7610 POLIOPPLUS SOCIETY, Just complete the attached Membership Form and email to me: pdg7610@gmail.com. As a member you will receive a Membership Certificate and a PolioPlus Lapel Pin. [Donate Today!](#) QUESTIONS? Contact me: pdg7610@gmail.com.

Are you ready to make polio history?

Click here for more information <https://makepoliohistory.org/>



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POLIO
NOW**

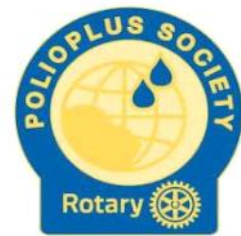
PolioPlus Society Membership Form

District 7610

As a Rotarian and supporter of Polio Eradication, Rotary’s #1 priority, I wish to help Rotary make history by continuing to contribute the below amount each year until the World Health Organization certifies that polio has been fully eradicated from the face of the earth.

Therefore, I hereby commit to making an annual donation to the PolioPlus of The Rotary Foundation as follows: (select one)

- \$100 per year** (minimum amount to become a society member)
- A contribution of \$_____ per year to PolioPlus** (more than \$100)



Society members will receive a PolioPlus Society membership pin and Paul Harris credit (points) plus a beautiful certificate of recognition and thanks. Make your donation online at www.rotary.org/donate and select the Polio Fund or call the Rotary Contact Center – 866-976-8279. Either way, you can set it up as a recurring donation.

PLEASE Email this completed form to PDG Sandy Duckworth – pdg7610@gmail.com
Call if questions: 540-361-1680

POLIOPLUS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

I pledge to contribute at least \$100 each year to PolioPlus until the World Health Organization certifies that Polio has been fully eradicated and the world is polio-free. I do this because.....

**UNTIL THE LAST CHILD IS IMMUNIZED
AND THE WORLD IS CERTIFIED POLIO-FREE,
EVERY CHILD IS AT RISK.**

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Club Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

PolioPlus Society membership certificate and lapel pin will be presented to you at a club meeting. We want you to be properly recognized for your generosity and commitment to polio eradication.

Doing Good in the World by Creating Hope in Those Most in Need

Thank you, to Rotarians in these "Top Ten" clubs who, by their gifts, create hope worldwide.

These clubs lead the way in Annual Fund-SHARE, Polio, and Total Giving at the one-third mark of Rotary Year 2023-24. Congratulations to the Rotarians in these clubs who, by their generosity, are creating hope in the world. **(data as of 11/6/2023)**

Top Ten AF Per Capita Clubs

1. Annandale (\$406.67)
2. E-Club of Global Peacebuilders (\$220.00)
3. Stafford (\$185.53)
4. North Stafford (\$146.15)
5. Leesburg-Daybreak (\$106.38)
- 6T. Charlottesville (\$100.00)
- 6T. Alexandria West (\$100.00)
8. Rappahannock-Fredericksburg (\$95.43)
9. McLean (\$92.45)
10. West Springfield (\$83.33)

Top Ten Polio Plus Clubs

1. Gainesville-Haymarket (\$3,350.00)
2. Springfield (\$2,200.00)
3. Fairfax (\$2,125.00)
4. Bailey's Crossroads (\$1,450.00)
5. E-Club of Global Peacebuilders (\$1,445.00)
6. Herndon-Reston (\$1,200.00)
7. Blue Ridge Mountains (\$1,100.00)
8. Woodbridge (\$925.00)
9. Leesburg (\$892.00)
10. Alexandria (\$722.00)

Thank you!

Top Ten Annual Fund Clubs

1. Rappahannock-Fredericksburg (\$11,165.00)
2. Stafford (\$6,308.00)
3. Annandale (\$6,100.00)
4. Warrenton (\$5,128.60)
5. Bailey's Crossroads (\$5,035.00)
6. Leesburg (\$4,720.00)
7. Fairfax (\$4,525.00)
8. McLean (\$4,345.00)
9. Alexandria (\$3,630.00)
10. Gainesville-Haymarket (\$3,495.00)

Top Ten Total Giving Clubs

1. Albemarle County (\$34,135.16)
2. Charlottesville (\$33,475.00)
3. Rappahannock-Fredericksburg (\$11,625.00)
4. Gainesville-Haymarket (\$6,845.00)
5. Fairfax (\$6,650.00)
6. Stafford (\$6,558.00)
7. Bailey's Crossroads (\$6,485.00)
8. Annandale (\$6,255.00)
9. Leesburg (\$5,612.00)
10. Warrenton (\$5,553.60)

2023-24 District 7610 Foundation Giving Report (11/6/2023)

Club	Size on 7/1/23	Annual Fund Goal Posted to RCC	Annual Fund		% AF Goal On Target	AF PerCapita		PolioPlus Goal Posted to RCC	Polio		Total Giving	Giving Banner (23-24)	EREY Banner (23-24)
			\$5,000+ \$10,000+ \$25,000+			\$100+ \$200+ \$500+			\$1,500+ \$5,000+ \$10,000+	\$5,000+ \$10,000+ \$25,000+			
Albemarle County	38	\$0.00	\$50.00		—	\$1.32		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$34,135.16		
Alexandria	90	\$0.00	\$3,630.00		—	\$40.33		\$0.00	\$722.00		\$4,352.00		
Alexandria Central	30	\$750.00	\$925.00		123%	\$30.83		\$140.00	\$235.00		\$1,160.00		
Alexandria South	14	\$600.00	\$0.00		0%	\$0.00		\$200.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Alexandria West	5	\$0.00	\$500.00		—	\$100.00		\$500.00	\$50.00		\$550.00		
Annandale	15	\$0.00	\$6,100.00		—	\$406.67		\$0.00	\$70.00		\$6,255.00		
Arlington	38	\$4,000.00	\$252.00		6%	\$6.63		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$252.00		
Bailey's Crossroads	66	\$10,000.00	\$5,035.00		50%	\$76.29		\$2,500.00	\$1,450.00		\$6,485.00		
Blue Ridge Mountains	80	\$5,000.00	\$193.00		4%	\$2.41		\$500.00	\$1,100.00		\$1,318.00		
Broadlands-Dulles South	29	\$0.00	\$100.00		—	\$3.45		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$100.00		
Centreville and Chantilly	19	\$500.00	\$1,540.00		308%	\$81.05		\$500.00	\$260.00		\$1,800.00		
Charlottesville	29	\$0.00	\$2,900.00		—	\$100.00		\$0.00	\$575.00		\$33,475.00	Y	Y
Crystal City-Pentagon	41	\$20,000.00	\$3,140.00		16%	\$76.59		\$2,000.00	\$420.00		\$3,560.00		
Culpeper	23	\$0.00	\$840.00		—	\$36.52		\$0.00	\$300.00		\$1,140.00		
Dulles International Airport	24	\$0.00	\$1,850.00		—	\$77.08		\$0.00	\$700.00		\$2,550.00		
Dunn Loring-Merrifield	25	\$3,000.00	\$2,027.63		68%	\$81.11		\$500.00	\$0.00		\$2,027.63		
E-Club of District 7610	26	\$3,000.00	\$475.00		16%	\$18.27		\$500.00	\$350.00		\$825.00		
E-Club of Global Peacebuilders	15	\$8,000.00	\$3,300.00		41%	\$220.00		\$1,500.00	\$1,445.00		\$4,845.00		
Fairfax	60	\$16,000.00	\$4,525.00		28%	\$75.42		\$2,000.00	\$2,125.00		\$6,650.00		
Falls Church	16	\$500.00	\$500.00		100%	\$31.25		\$500.00	\$100.00		\$600.00		
Fredericksburg	101	\$0.00	\$1,286.00		—	\$12.73		\$0.00	\$675.00		\$1,961.00		
Gainesville-Haymarket	43	\$8,500.00	\$3,495.00		41%	\$81.28		\$3,000.00	\$3,350.00		\$6,845.00		
Gloucester	34	\$4,500.00	\$100.00		2%	\$2.94		\$600.00	\$100.00		\$250.00		
Great Falls	62	\$9,000.00	\$1,675.00		19%	\$27.02		\$3,000.00	\$0.00		\$1,925.00		
Herndon-Reston	44	\$24,000.00	\$880.04		4%	\$20.00		\$7,000.00	\$1,200.00		\$2,080.04		
King George-Dahlgren	15	\$0.00	\$425.00		—	\$28.33		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$425.00		
Lake Ridge	33	\$0.00	\$2,650.00		—	\$80.30		\$1,500.00	\$250.00		\$2,900.00		
Leesburg	60	\$15,000.00	\$4,720.00		31%	\$78.67		\$2,500.00	\$892.00		\$5,612.00		
Leesburg-Daybreak	29	\$13,000.00	\$3,085.00		24%	\$106.38		\$3,000.00	\$75.00		\$3,160.00		
Louisa County	11	\$1,100.00	\$0.00		0%	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Manassas	43	\$9,000.00	\$610.00		7%	\$14.19		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$710.00		
Manassas-Bull Run	19	\$0.00	\$0.00		—	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Mathews	29	\$3,100.00	\$0.00		0%	\$0.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
McLean	47	\$25,000.00	\$4,345.00		17%	\$92.45		\$2,500.00	\$200.00		\$4,545.00		
Middlesex County	13	\$0.00	\$825.00		—	\$63.46		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$825.00		
Mount Vernon	9	\$2,000.00	\$500.00		25%	\$55.56		\$500.00	\$0.00		\$500.00		
North Stafford	13	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.00		127%	\$146.15		\$1,000.00	\$49.00		\$1,949.00		
Orange	39	\$0.00	\$850.00		—	\$21.79		\$0.00	\$75.00		\$925.00		
Purcellville	21	\$0.00	\$1,200.00		—	\$57.14		\$0.00	\$100.00		\$1,300.00		
Rappahannock-Fredericksburg	117	\$24,000.00	\$11,165.00		47%	\$95.43		\$2,000.00	\$460.00		\$11,625.00		
Rosslyn-Fort Myer	11	\$0.00	\$340.00		—	\$30.91		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$540.00		
Springfield	17	\$7,500.00	\$1,360.00		18%	\$80.00		\$2,000.00	\$2,200.00		\$3,660.00		
Stafford	34	\$13,000.00	\$6,308.00		49%	\$185.53		\$5,000.00	\$250.00		\$6,558.00		
Sterling	9	\$2,000.00	\$0.00		0%	\$0.00		\$500.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
Tappahannock	39	\$3,900.00	\$425.00		11%	\$10.90		\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$425.00		
the Northern Neck (KIWS)	31	\$0.00	\$300.00		—	\$9.68		\$0.00	\$200.00		\$500.00		
Tysons Corner	25	\$950.00	\$1,815.00		191%	\$72.60		\$2,900.00	\$0.00		\$1,815.00		
Vienna	63	\$22,250.00	\$1,290.00		6%	\$20.48		\$5,250.00	\$50.00		\$1,340.00		
Warrenton	69	\$17,000.00	\$5,128.60		30%	\$74.33		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$5,553.60		
Warsaw	22	\$0.00	\$0.00		—	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00		
West Point	16	\$1,000.00	\$100.00		10%	\$6.25		\$1,000.00	\$0.00		\$100.00		
West Springfield	33	\$16,500.00	\$2,750.00		17%	\$83.33		\$2,000.00	\$145.00		\$2,895.00		
Woodbridge	40	\$0.00	\$500.00		—	\$12.50		\$0.00	\$925.00		\$1,425.00		
Other dist. contributions (no club)	—	—	\$715.02		—	—		—	\$1,000.00		\$1,715.02		
District Totals	1,874	\$295,150.00	\$98,625.29		33%	\$52.63		\$59,190.00	\$22,198.00		\$186,143.45	1	1

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Foundation team can help with grants, scholarships, training teams, polio, and annual and planned giving.

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